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Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen and Ladies,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1971. The health of the area remained satisfactory during the year, and there were no major outbreaks of infectious illnesses.

My thanks are again due to my colleagues on the staff of the Council for their loyalty and assistance. I would also wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the encouragement and support afforded to me.

Yours faithfully,

J.E.Morris,

Medical Officer of Health.



## STATISTICS

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the north by Thornton Cleveleys Urban District, on the east and south by the parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton, and on the west by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the district is formed by three representatives from each of the five wards which are:-  
Tithebarn, Highcross, Hardhorn, Carleton and Breck.

The district is residential in character.  
Employment is provided by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the building trades, agriculture and the several light industrial estates.

Population ( 1971 Census ) .....	16,460
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book at the end of 1971 .....	6,181
Area of district in acres .....	2,270
Rateable value .....	£691,739
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£6,600

## BIRTHS

192 births were registered during the year, 107 males and 85 females. The birth rate was 11.8 per 1,000 population. There were 10 illegitimate births and 2 stillbirths.

### Births and Birth Rates of recent years

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>NO.of BIRTHS</u>
1967	16.2	245
1968	14.7	236
1969	13.9	226
1970	11.6	186
1971	11.8	192



# Infantile Mortality Rate

	<u>Poulton-le-Fylde</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate .....	10.0	18.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate .....	10.0	12.0
Stillbirth Rate .....	10.0	12.0
Maternal Mortality Rate .....	Nil	.17

<u>DEATHS</u>		
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
94	103	197
The crude death rate was 12.1 per 1,000 population		
The adjusted death rate was 11.7 per 1,000 population		

## Deaths and Death Rates of recent years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>
1967	13.9	212
1968	11.0	189
1969	12.0	194
1970	12.3	197
1971	12.1	197

## Age Groups

The table shows the arrangements of deaths in the age groups

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	2	-	2
1 - 5	1	-	1
6 - 15	1	-	1
16 - 25	-	-	-
26 - 35	-	-	-
36 - 45	1	2	3
46 - 55	3	5	8
56 - 65	25	6	31
66 - 75	29	27	56
76 and over	37	58	95
Total	99	98	197

# CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Infective and Parasitic Diseases .....	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus .....	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .....	4	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine .....	4	4	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .....	2	3	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .....	-	1	1
Leukemia .....	1	1	2
Other malignant Neoplasms .....	6	8	14
Diabetes Mellitus .....	1	2	3
Anaemias .....	-	1	1
Mental disorders .....	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis .....	1	1	2
Other diseases of Nervous System .....	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease .....	1	2	3
Hypertensive Disease .....	1	3	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease .....	37	23	60
Other forms of Heart Disease .....	2	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease .....	15	12	27
Other disease of Circulatory System .....	6	5	11
Pneumonia .....	5	4	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema .....	4	2	6
Asthma .....	-	1	1
Other diseases of Respiratory System .....	3	1	4
Other diseases of Digestive System .....	1	3	4
Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	-	1	1
Other disease, Genito-Urinary system .....	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies .....	1	-	1
Birth injury, difficult Labour etc. ....	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions .....	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle accidents .....	-	3	3
All other accidents .....	1	2	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries .....	1	1	2
Total all causes	103	94	197

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 24 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year as follows: during the year 1970, 165 cases were notified.

## Total cases notified

Measles .....	4
Scarlet Fever .....	14
Food Poisoning .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	4
Tuberculosis (Kidneys) .....	1

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1971

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages	Age: Periods -- Years										Age unknown
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25	Over 25		
Measles	4	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Scarlet Fever	14	-	-	1	1	-	10	2	-	-	-	
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Whooping Cough	4	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Total	24	-	3	1	2	2	12	2	-	2	-	



MONTHLY TABLE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Month	Measles		Scarlet Fever		Food Poisoning		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
January	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
February	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	5	-
March	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4
April	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
May	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
June	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
July	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
December	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

FOOD POISONING

Cases	No. of deaths	Whether investigated	Causal Organism	Vehicle of Infection	Origin	Observations
1	-	Yes	Samonella Agona	Unknown	Unknown	?

# VITAL STATISTICS

## Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate ... ..	102	80	182
Illegitimate ... ..	5	5	10
	<u>107</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>192</u>
Crude rate per 1,000 population ... ..			11.8
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population ... ..			11.7
Illegitimate live births, % of total live births			5%

## Deaths ( all causes )

Number registered ... ..	94	103	197
Crude rate per 1,000 population ... ..			12.1
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population ... ..			11.7

## Stillbirths

Legitimate ... ..	1	-	1
Illegitimate ... ..	1	-	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 total births ... ..			10.0

## Maternal Mortality

Number of deaths registered ... ..	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total births ... ..	Nil

## Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year)

Legitimate ... ..	2	-	2
Illegitimate ... ..	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births ... ..			10.0

## Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks)

Legitimate ... ..	2	-	2
Illegitimate ... ..	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births ... ..			10.0

## Early Neo-natal (deaths under 1 week)

Legitimate ... ..	2	-	2
Illegitimate ... ..	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births ... ..			10.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births			21.8

### AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Lancashire County Council administers the ambulance service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton, and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained from this station, or Fleetwood.

At Thornton, three ambulances and two dual-purpose vehicles are on call; an ambulance and two dual-purpose vehicles are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis at Thornton, and from 8.00 am. to 12.00 pm. at Fleetwood.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47

There were no persons removed to hospital or other institutions as allowed for by the compulsory powers of the above Act.

### HOSPITALS

There is no hospital situated in the district.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals under the control of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of diphtheria, dysentery, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, food poisoning etc., are available to all Medical Practitioners, at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston, and Blackpool Victoria Hospital, and a full use is made of these facilities by this Department.



MEDICAL STAFF OF THE CLINIC

Dr.A.D.Hickman ( to July 1971)	Medical Officer ( Departmental )
Dr.C.Ray ( from 26/7/71)	Medical Officer ( Departmental )
Mrs.R.Bevan	Health Visitor & School Nurse
Mrs.H.Cook	Health Visitor & School Nurse
Mrs.J.Goodwin	Health Visitor & School Nurse
Mrs.M.A.Dubbeling	Health Visitor & School Nurse
Mrs.F.T.Beatson	Health Visitor & School Nurse
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Mrs.N.Bowker 8,Teviot Avenue, Fleetwood Tel: Fleetwood 2812	District Nursing Sister
Mr.E.D.Whyatt	Chiropodist
Mr.H.H.Bayley	Dentist
Mr.T.H.O'Brien	Dentist



COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN POULTON-LE-FYLDE

The School and Child Welfare Clinic in Princess Avenue Poulton-le-Fylde provided the following services at the times shown.

<u>CLINIC</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Antenatal	Wednesday 9.00 am. to 10.00 am.
Antenatal Relaxation Classes	Friday 10.00 am.
Child Health	Tuesday 10.00 am. to 12 noon & 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.
Chiropody - Persons 65 years & over, Expectant & Nursing Mothers, & Physically Handicapped persons	Monday & Thursday 9.30 am. to 12 noon and 1.30 pm. to 4.30 pm. Wednesday & Friday 1.30 pm. to 4.30 pm.
Dental	Monday & Tuesday 9.30 am. to 12 noon and 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm. Thursday 9.30 am. to 12 noon and Friday 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.
School Clinic by appointment	Thursday 10.00 am. to 12 noon
Speech Therapy	Tuesday 10.00 am. to 12 noon and Thursday 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.
Audiology Clinic	2nd. Monday in the month 1.30 pm. to 3.30 pm.

In addition Child Health Clinics are held as follows:-

Carleton Memorial Centre and Staining	Alternate Mondays 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.
Preesall	Thursday 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.
Singleton	First and Third Mondays in the month 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.

## SUMMARY OF REPORT

### Population

16,460

An increase of 440 on the population figure of 1970.

### Acreage

2,270 statutory acres

### Housing

Number of new houses, flats and bungalows erected .....	71
Number of inhabited houses .....	6,181
Rateable value .....	£691,739
Sum represented by penny rate .....	£6,600

### Births and Mortality Rates

Number of Births .....	192
Birth rate per 1,000 population .....	11.8
Birth rate for England & Wales per 1,000 population .....	16.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 population .....	10.0
Maternal mortality rate .....	Nil

### Deaths

Number of deaths .....	197
Death rate per 1,000 population .....	12.1
Death rate for England & Wales per 1,000 population .....	11.6

### Infectious Diseases

24 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified

### Sewerage

Continuous readings of the flow of sewerage discharged into the River Wyre are taken.

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Public Health Department,

Queensway,

Poulton-le-Fylde.

Lancashire.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector  
for the year of 1971

During the year, the Department maintained a reasonable level of inspection in connection with Food Hygiene, Slaughterhouse Hygiene, Offices, Shops and Railway Premises inspection and Public Health work in general.

Although the general standard of Food Hygiene remains reasonable, there is a very obvious need for more regular inspection with this type of work. There is also a long standing problem connected with the changeover of shops in the area, and where new shops open, it has been found that, where advice has not been sought by the proprietor, in the first place, there have been omissions in structural and facility provision which have meant, at times, gross inconvenience to the new shopkeeper. There have been occasions when insufficient information concerning shop changeovers has not given us the necessary time for departmental advice and action, and I am sure that the only way this problem can be overcome is by automatic registration by any new occupier or business prior to their establishment or changeover.

During the year, the Health Committee has removed Closing Orders on three cottage properties in the town centre area, at the same time approving Standard Grant improvement work. This has meant not only the retention of some of the town centre area's cottage property, but where the Department follow the line of placing Closing Orders in lieu of the usual Demolition Orders, the properties have been saved, repaired and modernised, and the general street picture retained and improved by the new owner.

During the year the Housing Committee approved a combined total of eighteen Discretionary Grants, Standard Grants and Higher Standard Grants, and, although there has been a general dissatisfaction



with the removal of the three year condition regarding repayment of grant on sale, there has, in this area, been little or no abuse of the grants themselves, Repair grants are generally limited to repair works directly associated with improvement works, but there is always a necessity to review the types of Improvement Grants given from time to time, as applications can vary considerably.

In conclusion, I wish to accord my thanks to the Chairman of the Health Committee, the Council and my staff for the co-operation which I have received from them during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Edward L.Cobb,

Public Health Inspector.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

### Water

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water, being pleasantly soft and of a peaty nature; from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

The following details of samples of mains water taken by the Fylde Water Board are:-

Source of Sample	No. examined	No. free from Coliform Organisms	% satisfactory
Barnacre Supply via 24" Main	52	52	100
Poulton-le-Fylde	26	26	100

### Aerobic micro-organisms growing in Yeastral Agar

Source of sample	No. of Colonies per ml of water	
	in 2 days at 37°C	in 3 days at 22°C
Barnacre Supply via 24" Main	2	4
Poulton-le-Fylde	1	3

At 31st. December 1971, a total of 6,181 dwellings in Poulton-le-Fylde were supplied with water by the Fylde Water Board.

### Sanitary Accommodation

The following shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at 31st. December, 1971, and those for the previous year.

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Water closets .....	6320	6391
Pail closets .....	1	-
Privies .....	-	-
Dry ashpits .....	-	-
Waste water closets .....	-	-

# TYPICAL CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE AREA

	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Appearance	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright
Colour (Hazen p.p.m. Pt)	5	3
Turbidity (p.p.m. Silica)	Nil	Nil
Odour	<del>Nil</del>	Nil
Taste	Normal	Normal
Reaction pH Value	8.2	7.8
Electrical Conductivity $\mu$ m h o/c.c.	98	250
Residual Chlorine	6.20	0.20
Free & Saline Ammonia as N <sub>2</sub>	0.18	0.03
Albuminoid Ammonia as N <sub>2</sub>	0.07	0.01
Nitrous Nitrogen as N <sub>2</sub>	0.002	0.003
Nitric Nitrogen as N <sub>2</sub>	0.20	0.43
Oxygen absorbed 4 hrs. @ 27°C	0.43	0.21
Free Acidity as CO <sub>2</sub>	-	-
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	12	92
Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	32	110
Non-Carbonate Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	20	18
Excess Alkalinity as Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Nil	Nil
Calcium as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	25	88
Magnesium as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	7	22
Total Solids dried at 180°C	75	167
Chloride as Cl	13	16
Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	24	24
Lead as Pb	- less than 0.05	-
Manganese as Mn	0.03	0.04
Copper as Cu	-	-
Iron as Fe	0.02	0.05
Aluminium as Al	0.04	0.03
Fluoride as F	- less than 0.10	-



# WORK COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR

## Public Health Works completed (excluding Food Hygiene/ Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises.)

Unwholesome premises cleaned of refuse etc. ....	1
Drainage repairs .....	3
Sewer connections .....	3
Guttering and waste pipes replaced .....	3
Additional drainage .....	2
Replastering of walls (rising/penetrating dampness).....	10
Roof repairs .....	5
Wall pointing .....	5

## Housing Repairs

Replastering of walls ( rising/penetrating dampness) .....	10
Rendering/Pointing to external brickwork .....	5
Flagged floors replaced .....	5
Defective wall/ceiling plaster replaced .....	3
Roofs repaired .....	2
External brickwork replaced .....	2
Additional accommodation .....	2

## Public Health/Housing Inspections etc.

Number of visits (All purposes) .....	1,820
Number of premises visited .....	270
Number of defects or nuisances discovered .....	25
Number of defects or nuisances abated .....	25
Number of informal notices served .....	8
Number of statutory notices served.....	1
Number of complaints received and investigated .....	134

	No. of visits	No. of defects found	No. of defects remedied
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations	96	40	34
Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations	20	11	6
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.	107	37	29
Factories Act	26	12	12

# SUMMARY OF VISITS

Slaughterhouse visits (meat inspection & hygiene inspections)...	375
Poultry ... ..	83
<u>Housing Acts</u>	
Visits re.Housing Inspections/Repairs completed ... ..	95
Visits re.Standard Grants... ..	81
Visits re.Applications for Council House tenancies/lodgers ...	89
Visits re.Council Houses, defects,breach of tenancy conditions	51
Discretionary Grants ... ..	46
Qualification Certificates ... ..	135
Older houses Survey ... ..	24
<u>Public Health Acts 1936-61</u>	
Complaints investigated ... ..	123
Visits re.defective drainage ... ..	59
Visits re. housing repairs ... ..	45
Visits re.Swimming Pool ... ..	2
Visits re. dry rot ... ..	6
Miscellaneous ... ..	44
Food Hygiene Regulations ... ..	96
Food inspection ... ..	3
Milk & Dairies Regulations ... ..	43
Visits re.Infectious Diseases ... ..	16
Visits re.Unsound Foodstuffs ... ..	20
Visits re.Rodent & Insect Pests ... ..	88
Offices,Shops & Railway Premises Act(Initial visits & revisits)	107
Shops Act 1950-65 ... ..	60
Visits re.Factories Act ... ..	26
Visits re.Caravan Sites & Control of Developement Act ... ..	29
Visits re. Clean Air Act ... ..	21
Visits re.Public Conveniences ... ..	8
Visits re. Noise Abatement Act ... ..	21
Visits re. Public Cleansing- Tip ... ..	8
Agriculture(Safety, Health & Welfare provisions Act 1956 ...	16
Total	<u>1,820</u>

### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There is one small privately owned bath in the district which is open to the general public. A simple tube filtration is in operation, and the chlorination was done by hand until late in the year when mechanical chlorination was installed.

A childrens' paddling pool is in the district, to which a sterilizing agent is added each time the pool is emptied and refilled. Samples of the water were taken, all of which proved satisfactory.

#### SWIMMING BATH SAMPLES

Samples of the inlet and outlet water of the bath were taken, and the results were as follows:-

LF/SB1 (Inlet)	1,000 orgs/ml	- Number of coliform bacilli	- Nil per 100 ml.
LF/SB2 (Outlet)	1,000 orgs/ml	- Number of coliform bacilli	- One per 100 ml.
LF/SB3 (Inlet)	10 orgs/ml	- Number of coliform bacilli	- Nil per 100 ml.
LF/SB4 (Outlet)	10 orgs/ml	- Number of coliform bacilli	- Nil per 100 ml.
LF/SB5 (Inlet)	Plate Count orgs/ml	10 - Number of coliform bacilli	- Nil per 100 ml.
LF/SB6 (Outlet)	Plate Count orgs/ml	10 - Number of coliform bacilli	- Nil per 100 ml.

These results all proved satisfactory.

### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There was one licence issued during the year, enabling the holder to open a pet shop.

### SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Two certificates of registration are in existence in respect of the above Act.

### GAME ACT, 1831

Three licences under the above Act were issued during the year, enabling the holders to deal in game at their premises.

### RAG, FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district requiring registration under the above Act.

### CLEAN AIR ACT, 1968 - Section 6

#### CHIMNEY HEIGHTS

An application for the approval of a Chimney Height at premises in the district was received by the Department.

In contravention of Section 6 of the Clean Air Act, 1968, this chimney was already erected on site, and, as requested by the Department, an application for chimney height approval was completed. The existing chimney height was 25 ft. and having regard to the housing estate nearby and the general locality, the initial application was refused, and a chimney height of 32 ft. was recommended to the applicant.



## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The cleansing service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor who supplied the following information.

### Collection of Refuse

This was effected by means of three covered vehicles, one working part time, and two working full time.

### Disposal

Domestic refuse was deposited on an area of reclaimed land behind an embankment at Skippool Marsh. During 1971, approximately 7,191 dustbins were emptied every week.

### Details of Service

Total number of moveable dustbins .....	7,964
Weight of refuse collected .....	6,043 Tons.
Total number of bins emptied .....	373,521
Cost of collection and disposal .....	£18,644.75
Weight of salvage sold .....	124 tons.14 cwts.
Value .....	£1,246.86
Cost of baling.....	£1,083.77

### Road Sweeping

The Council's workmen swept 1,842.14 miles of highway during the year. A mechanical sweeper ( suction cleaner ) was in operation.

# INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	2	4	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	41	29	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	375 Slaughter-house visits 83 Poultry	-	-
Total	45	491	3	-

## Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of prosecutions
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness .....	2	2	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature .....	1	1	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation .....	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors ...	2	2	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient .....	3	3	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ....	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes .....	2	2	-	-	-
Total	12	12	-	-	-

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RETAIL PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	Fuel Storage Depot
No. of registered premises at the end of the year	25	116	1	27	2
No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during year	4	42	1	24	-
No. of exemptions	-	-	-	-	-
No. of employees at registered premises	97	264	4	121	4

Total No. of visits of all kinds to registered premises 167

## Analysis of Contraventions

Section	No. of contraventions found	Section	No. of contraventions found
4	Cleanliness 2	12	Clothing accommodation 1
5	Overcrowding 2	13	Sitting facilities -
6	Temperature 13	14	Seats (sedentary workers) -
7	Ventilation 1	15	Eating facilities 1
8	Lighting 1	16	Floors, passages & stairs 7
9	Sanitary conveniences 5	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery 1
10	Insufficient washing facilities 1	24	First Aid general provisions 4
11	Supply of drinking water -		

Accidents. One accident was reported on Form O.S.R. 11 during 1971. It was investigated but no further action was found necessary.

## Hoists & Lifts

There was one complaint concerning hoists & lifts. This was investigated and the defects made good.



## HOUSING

### Number of new dwellings erected during the year

By the Local Authority .....	Nil
By other bodies or persons .....	71
Total number of dwellings owned by the Local Authority	386

### INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES

1. (a) Total number of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)... 290
- (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose..... 801
- (c) Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit ..... 19
2. Total number of dwellings existing at the end of the year, occupied or not, which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit, and in respect of which:-
  - (a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)..... -
  - (b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made ..... -

### HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
<u>In Clearance Areas</u>			
1. Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
3. Houses on land acquired under S.43(2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17(1) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
5. Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	Nil	Nil	Nil
6. Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil



## UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

	Houses demolished	Displaced dur year	
		persons	familie
1. Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and S.26 Housing Act, 1961	1 closed	1	
2. Under S.17(3) and S.26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	
3. Parts of buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	

Unfit houses made fit

Unfit houses made fit

1. By owner after informal action by Local Authority.....
2. After formal notice under S.9 and S.16  
Housing Act,1957:- (a) by owner .....  
                             (b) by Local Authority .....
3. After formal notice under Public Health Acts .....
4. After modification or revocation of a clearance  
order under S.24 Housing Act, 1957 .....
5. After determination of a demolition order  
under S.24.Housing Act,1957 .....
6. After determination of a clearance order  
under S.27.Housing Act,1961 .....

Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

	(1) No. of houses	(2) No. of separate dwellings in (1)
Retained for temporary accommodation:-		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(d) Licenced for temporary occupation under Section 34 or Section 53	-	-

Purchase of Houses by agreement

	No. of Houses	No. of Occupants
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders.	-	-

# IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Owner/occupied	Tenanted
) No. of applications received	3	-
) No. of applications approved	2	-
) No. of applications refused	-	-
) No. of dwellings improved	2	-
) Works completed	-	-
) Amount paid in grants	NIL	

## HIGHER STANDARD GRANTS

## STANDARD GRANTS

	Owner/ Occupied	Tenanted	Owner/ Occupied	Tenanted
) No. of applications received	2	1	9	3
) No. of applications approved	2	1	7	3
) No. of applications refused	-	-	-	-
) No. of dwellings improved	2	1	6	-
) Works completed	2	1	6	-
) Amount paid in Grants	£ 1,709.29			

## AMENITIES PROVIDED

1. Fixed Bath .....	7	5. Water Closets within dwelling .....	8
2. Shower .....	-	6. Food Store .....	-
3. Wash Hand Basin .....	8	7. Sink .....	1
4. Hot Water supply .....	6		

## QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

No. of applications recieved .....	30
No. of applications approved .....	6
No. of applications deferred .....	21
No. of applications refused .....	8

## JOINT STANDARD GRANTS AND QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

No. of applications recieved .....	2
No. of applications approved .....	2
Work completed .....	2

# RENT ACT 1957

## Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications made ..... Nil  
 Number of certificates issued ..... Nil  
 Applications made for the cancellation of  
 certificates ..... Nil  
 Number of undertakings given to  
 carry out work ..... Nil  
CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPEMENT ACT, 1960

	Residential	Holiday
(a) No. of sites used for camping	-	5
(b) No. of vans permanently occupied	-	-
(c) No. of Site Licences issued under the Caravan Site and Control of Development Act, 1960	-	5
(d) No. of vans concerned in (c) above	-	Site 1 158 Site 2 30 Site 3 23 Site 4 1 Site 5 50 262

Planning permission was given for the use of land adjacent to a main Caravan Site for the installation of 50 Tourers, and a Licence was granted in this respect. This will necessitate the provision of extra facilities to be constructed alongside the present main site facilities. There was also an amendment made to the existing main Caravan Site Licence in order that the Licence conditions are improved to approach Model Standards. It does appear that when Licences were given by the Council back in 1960 when the Act came into force, the requirements fell far short of Model Standards, and to expect these to be brought up to that level at once would be considered onerous.



## COUNCIL HOUSES

### LETTINGS

During 1971, the following allocations were made by the Housing Sub-Committee:-

Houses.....	17
Flats.....	9
Bungalows .....	1
Flatlets .....	1

The Committee also agreed to established tenants transferring to other Council premises in 7 cases.

### REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS

56 new applications were made for housing during 1971. At 31st. December 1971, the total number of applications listed for Council accommodation was as follows:-

2 bedroomed houses/grd.floor flats .....	38
3 bedroomed houses .....	12
4 bedroomed houses .....	4
Flats .....	62
Flatlets .....	52
Bungalows .....	29

### COUNCIL HOUSE GARDEN COMPETITION

During the year, members of the Housing Committee assisted by representatives of the Horticultural and Chrysanthemum Society, inspected all Council House gardens in connection with the garden competition. The total prize money amounted to £20, which included a Challenge Shield for the outright winner and eight vouchers as consolation prizes. There was a vast improvement in the keeping of the gardens in general, and of the prize winners in particular.

# RODENT AND INSECT/PEST CONTROL

The following table shows the number of visits made by this Department regarding the control of insects/pests.

	Type of Property			Agricultural
	Non-Agricultural			
	Business Premises	Dwelling Houses	Local Authority Property/Land	
Total number of properties ( including nearby premises) inspected following notification	51	193	43	19
Number infested by:-				
(i) Rats	21	56	8	8
(ii) Mice	25	74	12	1
(iii) Insects	6	53	20	1
Total number of revisits	182	496	118	31
Miscellaneous	11	12	3	-

## Summary

Total number of complaints received ..... 322  
 Total number of infestations discovered ..... 301  
 Total number of revisits ..... 827  
 Total number successfully treated ..... 301

The work of insect control dealt with complaints regarding plaster beetles, woodworm, wasps' nests, clover mite and the usual domestic insects. The Department also gave advice and assistance regarding the control of rabbits, moles and other unusual pests.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of Food Premises in the District at the end of the year

Butchers .....	15
Confectioners .....	10
Fried Fish Shops .....	6
Grocers .....	35
Greengrocers and Fruiterers (including those selling wet fish and game etc.) .....	7
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry and game etc.) .....	3
Licensed premises, cafes, clubs, off licenses Shops selling sugar confectionary, ice cream, minerals etc. ....	27
	14
Total	<u>117</u>

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 16  
of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Type of Business	No. registered at 31/12/71	No. registered during 1971
Manufacturers of preserved food etc.	13	-
Premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream	1	-
Premises registered for the sale of ice cream	35	4
Premises in area registered for hawkers of food	22	1

### DOUBLE CREAM SAMPLES

During the year Double Cream samples were taken from shops in the area, as follows:-

Ref.No.	Whether satisfactory
PLF/DC/1	No
PLF/DC/2	No
PLF/DC/4	No
PLF/DC/5	Yes
PLF/DC/6	Yes
PLF/DC/7	Yes
PLF/DC/8	Yes
PLF/DC/9	Yes

PLF/DC1 and PLF/DC2 appeared to be grossly contaminated and were below the standard of cleanliness required. This report was passed to the Public Health Department in whose area the producing dairy is situated, and further samples were taken at a later date.

PLF/DC/4 was Grade 3 Methylene Blue Test. After correspondence with the Public Health Department concerned, further samples proved satisfactory.

### ICE CREAM

During the year, the following samples of Ice Cream were taken:-

Ref.No.	Whether satisfactory
PLF/IC/1	Yes
PLF/IC/2	Yes
PLF/IC/3	No
PLF/IC/4	Yes

All samples proved to be satisfactory with the exception of IC/3 in which there was E.Coli type 1 present. A further sample IC/4 was taken which was found to be satisfactory.



Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1961

No. of egg pasteurisation plants in the district  
at the end of 1971 ..... Nil

No. of samples of liquid egg submitted for  
the Alpha-Amylase test ..... Nil

Sampling.

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr. S.C. Gawne, the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 46 samples was obtained comprising 15 milks (3 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 31 others as follows:-

1 Cheese Spread with Tomato	1 Tuna Steak canned
1 Cheese Spread with Celery	1 Pork Luncheon Meat canned
1 Lancashire Rarebit Cheese Spread	1 Buttered Brazils
1 Cream Cheese	1 Ice Cream
1 Redcurrant Jelly with Port	1 Prescription Drug (Hydro-Saluric Tablets)
1 Cranberry Sauce with Burgundy	1 Cream Cheese with Herbs
1 Quince Jelly with Red Wine	1 Processed Cheese
1 Cherry Preserve with Brandy	1 Pineapple canned
1 Blackcurrant Preserve	1 Full Fat Soft Cheese
1 Grapefruit Marmalade	1 Garlic Sausage
2 Gin	1 Black Cherries canned
1 Whisky	1 Red Cherries canned
1 Fresh New Potatoes	1 Beef Sausages
1 Fresh Peas	1 Full Fat Soft Cheese & Liqueur
1 Pink Salmon	1 Black Pudding

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Cream Cheese with Herbs	Fat content only 34.7%. Herb content of the order of 2%. Fat content should be not less than 45% (or allowing for the presence of the herbs 44%).	Importer communicated with.
Processed Cheese	Fat content only 13.6% and mushroom content 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The conspicuous labelling read: MUSHROOMS PROCESSED CHEESE. Should have read PROCESSED CHEESE WITH MUSHROOMS. Min. fat content 12%.	Importer communicated with.
Beef Sausages	Contained 130 parts per million sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide) without declaration.	Vendor interviewed and cautioned.

# FOOD INSPECTION

Food surrendered by retail shops as unfit, for reasons of decomposition, mould growth, blown, pierced or leaking tins etc., was collected by the Department for disposal, and subsequently taken to the Council's tip and buried beneath domestic refuse. The following list shows the amount and weight:-

<u>Bottles &amp; Packets</u>	<u>Tins &amp; Cartons</u>	<u>Articles</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
	3	Green Beans	2	3
	13	Processed Peas	13	2
	6	Cream	2	8
	10	Pineapple	7	3
	3	Pears	3	12
	1	Tuna Fish		7
	4	Mandarin Oranges	2	12
	12	Robinsons Baby		
		Food	1	2
	3	Rhubarb	3	9
	1	Beef Steak Pie	1	0
27		Butter	17	0
10		Cookeen	5	0
23		Kraft 'Phili'	4	5
3		Narrowfat Peas	3	9
	10	Fruit Salad	8	10
	5	Soup	4	8
	1	Tomato Juice	1	3
	3	Golden Plums	3	12
	1	Red Plums	1	4
	1	Strawberries		7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
	11	Peaches	10	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	1	Loganberries	1	0
	2	Apricots	1	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	1	Pie Filling		13
	18	Blackcurrants	11	4
	25	Grapefruit	29	0
	2	Pork Luncheon		
		Meat	1	3
		B/Fwd.	142	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

Food Inspection contd.

<u>Bottles &amp; Packets</u>	<u>Tins &amp; Cartons</u>	<u>Articles</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
		C/Fwd.	142	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
	1	Butter Beans		15 $\frac{1}{2}$
	10	Baked Beans	10	9
	8	Garden Peas	4	5
	4	Rice Pudding	4.	12
	22	Tomatoes	17	4
	1	Beef Steak Pie	1	0
	1	Plumrose Bacon		
		Grill		6
	1	Minced Steak	1	0
	2	Corned Beef	8	0
	1	Pork Shoulder	11	0
	2	Shandy	1	3
	1	Beef Casserole		15
	3	Chopped Ham	2	4
	1	Tongue	6	0
	1	Cashews		3
	2	New Potates	1	4
	6	Carrots	7	2
	1	Beetroot	1	8
	1	Ideal Milk	1	0
1		Kraft Salad Cream		7
Total			223	6 $\frac{1}{4}$

## MILK SUPPLY

There were 30 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1971 - they operated from the following premises:-

Distributors in district (including shops)..... 29  
 Producer retailers in district ..... 1

## MILK SAMPLES

The number of milk samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Type of milk		
	Untreated	Pasteurised	Sterilised
No. of samples	8	6	4
No. satisfactory	6	6	4
No. unsatisfactory	2	-	-
No. void	-	-	-

Type	No. of samples submitted	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
<u>Untreated Milk</u>			
Methylene Blue Test	8	6	2
<u>Heat Treated Milk</u>			
Methylene Blue Test	20	20	-
Phosphatase Test	20	20	-
Turbidity Test	20	20	-

### Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination etc.

	No. of samples submitted	No. positive	No. negative
Tuberculosis	4	-	4
Brucellosis - Ring Test	4	-	4
Brucellosis - Culture Test	-	-	-
Brucellosis - Biological Test	-	-	-

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy, and repeat samples are obtained.

In the event of the producer being in another district, the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, or the Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who are able to sample at the source.



### MEAT INSPECTION

One private slaughterhouse was in operation during the year. It was necessary to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings and on Saturdays and Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown below:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of animals killed and inspected</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of animals killed and inspected</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of animals killed and inspected</u>
1954	1,693	1960	8,509	1966	11,177
1955	3,154	1961	10,292	1967	12,836
1956	6,482	1962	10,164	1968	12,845
1957	6,857	1963	8,136	1969	10,761
1958	7,039	1964	8,038	1970	11,792
1959	7,462	1965	8,272	1971	11,807

#### Meat Inspection Amendment Regulations 1971

During the year, charges were slightly increased to offset Local Authority expenditure in this connection, and the Council, empowered to make a charge for meat inspection service under the Meat Inspection Regulations of 1963, received the sum of £446.65½.

#### Carcases Inspected

Month	Total	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Calves
Total No. of animals killed and inspected	11,807	574	4	7,526	3,376	327
January	925	47	-	607	246	25
February	894	40	-	548	272	34
March	1,035	64	1	647	262	61
April	548	28	-	326	152	42
May	867	56	1	528	267	15
June	917	42	-	603	251	21
July/August	1,074	45	1	723	280	25
September	2,262	110	-	1,533	578	47
October	1,033	43	1	669	288	32
November	1,183	54	-	760	354	15
December	1,069	45	-	582	432	10

Carcases Condemedned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerici</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	2	-	2	5	9	18
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	100	-	42	201	-	343
% of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerici	17.76	nil	.58	6.10	2.75	3.05
<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	1	-	1
% of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	.03	-	.006
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

No. of slaughterhouse visits ..... 375  
 No. of animals slaughtered  
 and inspected ..... 11,807  
 Weight of meat rejected as unfit .... 2 tons.3 cwt. 19 lbs.  
 At 31st. December, 1969, 4 licences had been issued by the  
 Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

# I N D E X

Ambulance facilities .....	10
Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 .....	20
Bacteriological examinations .....	10
Births and Birth rates .....	4
Caravan Sites & Control of Developement Act, 1960 .....	27
Council Houses .....	28
Cream sampling .....	31
Deaths & Death rates .....	5& 6
Factories Act, 1961 .....	22
Food & Drugs Act, 1955 .....	30
Food Inspection .....	33&34
Food Poisoning .....	8
Food sampling .....	32
Game Act, 1831 .....	20
Health Committee .....	1
Health Services .....	12
Hospitals .....	10
Housing .....	24&25
Ice Cream samples .....	31
Improvement Grants .....	26
Infectious Diseases .....	7& 8
Infantile Mortality rate .....	5
Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963 .....	32
Meat Inspection .....	36&37
Medical Officer's Report .....	3
Milk samples .....	35
Milk supply .....	35
National Assistance Act, 1948 .....	10
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963 .....	23
Pet Animals Act, 1951 .....	20
Population .....	4
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 .....	29
Public Health Inspector's Report .....	14&15
Qualification Certificates .....	26
Rag, Flock & Other filling Materials Act, 1951 .....	20
Refuse collection .....	21
Rent Act, 1957 .....	27
Rodent and Insect/Pest Control .....	29
Sanitary circumstances .....	16
Scrap Metal Dealers' Act, 1964 .....	20
Staff --Clinic .....	11
Staff --Public Health Department .....	2
Standard Grants .....	26
Summary of Medical Officer's Report .....	13
Summary of visits .....	19
Swimming Baths & Pools .....	20
Vital Statistics .....	9
Water samples .....	16
Water supply --Chemical Analysis .....	17
Works completed .....	18









